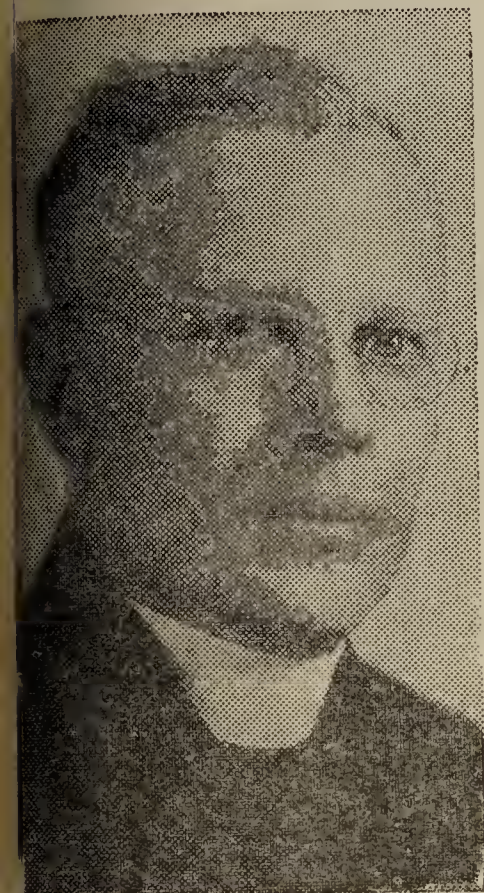


DIES SUDDENLY



FATHER MAGSAM

Victim of a heart attack, the Rev. Victor H. Magsam, '14, died suddenly at his parish home in LaPorte, Ind., Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 24. He was pastor of St. Peter's Church there.

A few days earlier Father Magsam had visited relatives in Fort Wayne together with his brother, Father Charles, who was also from Maryknoll, N. Y.

Ordained in 1920, after assisting in two parishes, Father Magsam received his first pastorate in 1929, St. Aloysius, at Yoder. The next year he was promoted to St. Joseph's, Reynolds, and in 1936 to LaPorte. He was forty-nine years old.

o to Med School

Albert Hurley and Remigius Mazinski, both graduates at the end of the 1942 summer term, entered Marquette University Medical School, Milwaukee, Wis., at the beginning of the present semester. Al is from Saginaw, Michigan; Remi, from South Bend, Ind.

Raymond Schraff, of Cleveland, Ohio, another graduate of the past summer, is entering Loyola University Medical School, Chicago, Ill.

Maryknoll Priest Works in Bolivia

Located at Riberalta, Bolivia, the Rev. Thomas J. Danehy, M. M., '33, is contributing much toward the good-neighbor policy between the Americas.

Almost all of the people are Catholics, Father Danehy writes, but lack care because of the scarcity of priests. There are more priests in the United States than in all of the South American countries together.

Doctor Joe Westhoven Passes State Board

When Mr. Joseph Westhoven, '38, finished his four years of preparation in the pre-med department at St. Joseph's, he enrolled in Loyola University Medical School, Chicago. There he was a pacemaker, for in the last four years several more students have followed him to Loyola.

In June, 1942, Joe received his M. D. from Loyola. During his last year of studies he did intern work in the Little Company of Mary Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Westhoven, a native of Fostoria, Ohio, where he attend-



DR. WESTHOVEN

ed St. Wendelin's parochial grade and high school, recently passed the State Board examination of Ohio at Columbus. He has been on the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, since last June.

Staff Sergeant Charles Marlin Reports Death of Father Falter

Wounded in action on Nov. 8, 1942, Staff Sergeant Charles Marlin, in an interview, recently gave what appear to be correct details of Chaplain Falter's death in North Africa on that date. The two left the transport vessel Joseph Hewes in different landing barges at six o'clock that morning. After two hours the two barges touched shore side by side. All this while they were under fire.

"As we touched the beach," says Sgt. Marlin, "the shelling from the fortress in the town Fedala became exceptionally heavy. I had taken but a few steps in the sand when I chanced to look in Father Falter's direction. Just then a shell from a French 75 mm. gun landed near Father Falter and the group with him. I distinctly saw Father fall, and quite a few about him. They were killed by fragments of the exploding shell.

"Later I learned that Father was struck in the head and killed instantly. I could not think of going to him at the moment.

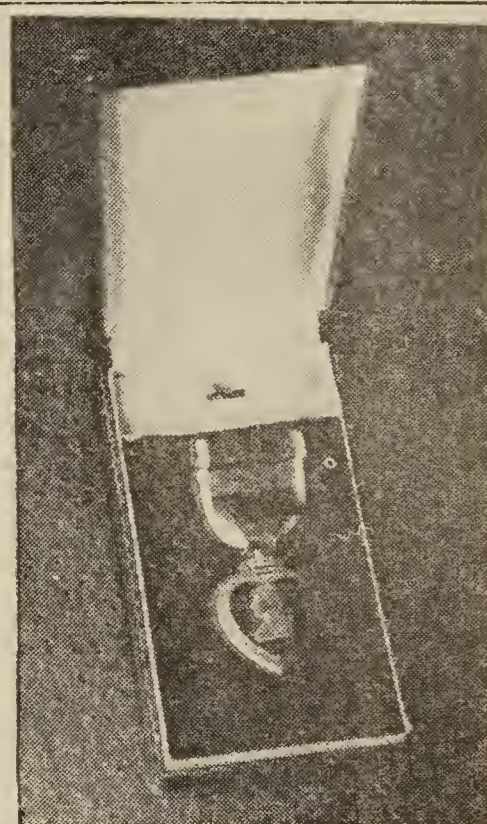
"Father Falter was a real friend to the boys at all times. He was always in good spirits. Just to have him around was invigorating and bracing in itself. Especially was this the case on the trip to North Africa."

Sgt. Marlin also praised the heroism and unselfishness of Chaplain Falter. During the night preceding the invasion, the soldiers urged their chaplain not to go with them on their first effort to land and hold the shore. To this he protested that he was there, "not to look after his own safety but after the welfare of the men. If the men would be in danger he would be at their side."

Father Hamburger Dies in Carthage

The Rev. Mark Hamburger, C.P.P.S., professor at St. Joseph's from 1894 to 1903, died at Carthage, Ohio, Monday morning, Feb. 22.

Father Mark was pastor of St. Mark's parish, Cincinnati, Ohio, for many years. For the past ten years he was an invalid, retired at the Motherhouse, Carthage. He was 74 years old.



The Purple Heart given to Father Falter posthumously by the government. On the back of the award is engraved the words: For Military Merit and the name of the recipient.

Ensign Ratermann Crashes in California

Ensign Harry F. Ratermann, '37, was killed in a plane crash at Alameda, Calif., Wednesday, Feb. 20. He was buried from St. Michael's Church, Fort Loramie, Ohio, his home.

Joining the air service Dec. 15, 1941, Ensign Ratermann had received his wings just eight weeks ago. His father, Dr. F. J. Ratermann, died six months ago. The mother and four sisters survive.

Two cousins—the Rev. Albin Ratermann, '24, pastor of Holy Name Church, Cincinnati, and Associate Editor of the Catholic Telegraph-Register, and Joseph L. Ratermann, '38—both studied at St. Joseph's.

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Anniversaries of some events are pleasant. Such is the birthday of CONTACT, celebrated this month. Like Orphan Annie it hasn't grown, but like her it tries to be wise beyond its four years.

In our opinion such a paper as CONTACT should not be features dreamed up by the editors but news, real live news, contributed by the readers of the paper about themselves for the other 3,000 men and their families and friends who want to know what Tom, Dick and Harry are doing since they removed the last light switch button or put paper in the prefect's bell. Therefore:

Send in some news along with your dues. Both will help make CONTACT.

Since the introduction of compulsory physical education the fieldhouse resounds to the commands of the directors and vibrates to the exercises of class after class of students daily.

Soon many of those who are now becoming steadily more physically fit will be training in the armed service. Then, their indoor stadiums will be provided by the Government.

Not so the fieldhouse. Like a basket of puppies, their eyes not yet open, every little bit yelps, so every small amount contributed toward liquidating the debt still remaining on this essential structure will help. Let's get it as free from debt as the wind-swept skies of March.

At the present time more than four hundred St. Joe men are accounted for as serving in the armed forces of the country. At least fifteen per cent of these already have commissions. Even from the mercenary standpoint, the increased earning power of these sixty men may be traced largely to the foundation they had when they volunteered or were inducted.

But that's not all, nor is it of greatest importance. Their capacity to contribute to the present cause is likewise increased. Lastly, and of principal significance, which goes for all four hundred, many of whom are even now in Officer Training Schools, the moral and religious example which these men set is decidedly a St. Joe product as the numerous letters received testify.

We who are not fighting under the colors show our true colors even as they.

If you have occasion to see Father Schon, procurator of the college, on business, you will now find him closeted in his inner office behind a waiting room which formerly was his office. Father Joseph Otte, his assistant, may be there to receive you, too.

STUFF And SUCH

Student enrollment at the present time remains about what it was at the beginning of the second semester, with approximately 250 secular students in the college department.

Broadway's greatest hit of recent years, "Arsenic and Old Lace," will be presented on the college stage March 14 and 21. The C. L. S. and girls from the Rensselaer and Whiting C. Y. O. groups will enact this modern comedy.

Take yourself back the exact number of years; the annual Raleigh Club tournaments are on. Pool tables, chairs and other accouterment received a complete overhauling just prior to the opening of the contests, Feb. 24. Because a dance was too difficult to arrange for at the present time, an old-fashioned stag party will be held early in March, or after all the games have been completed. Winners will receive their trophies at this social gathering. Your pipe or favorite brand should taste sweeter as you reminisce on this.

Every Tuesday evening at 8:30 in the science demonstration laboratory Father Albert Wuest is giving a lecture open to the public on the technique of Chemical Warfare. He will continue this regularly until his series of twelve is completed. It began the second week in February.

Faculty members Fathers Gross, Heckman, Lucks, Sheeran, and Zanolari outpinned five challenging bowling-minded students in a three-game contest one victorious February afternoon. Their grand total of 2477 for the three games was 176 better than that of their opponents.

A student mission was conducted by the Rev. Lionel E. Pire, C.P.P.S., '16, during the week of February 13-20. Almost every student received Holy Communion each morning.

Miss Eileen O'Hayer, associate editor of Extension magazine, spoke to the faculty and students Wednesday evening, Feb. 24. Hers was the principal address on a program sponsored by the Sanguinist Club for Catholic Action, marking Catholic Press Month. It was an inspirational and informal talk.

Next on the program of professional talent for entertainment in the college theatre will be the Fisk Jubilee Singers, scheduled for March 17. From Fisk University for negroes, they specialize in negro spirituals and other songs characteristic of their race.

The upper dormitory of Noll Hall is blacked out for the time being, there being not sufficient students to warrant its use.

Each warm day now finds air-minded students rustling bats and balls for the spring offensive. One pilot took to flying a kite on a balmy late February afternoon.

Under the direction of the three coaches—Brother Henry Kosalko, Mr. Joe Dienhart, and Mr. Richard Scharf—an extensive physical-training program is much in force. Attendance at the regular classes is obligatory except for seniors, who are now busy working on their dissertations. Students find the workouts exhausting but invigorating.



Turn Back the Clock

Everyone knows the tune of the scissor grinder. Most of you, modest souls, know what a scissors editor is. I'm for you make me so.

Last month I edited, and edited, EDITED, in this column, asking for contributions, especially from the old timers back in 1893, 1903, and by decades up to present time. The results: Not one slice ballyhoo, blarney, or baloney. So—

I got me a substitute—Paul Jones—who is responsible for what follows. Early catalogues furnish data.

1891. Rensselaer, an enterprising town on the Iroquois River, is situated about six miles from Chicago. There are five trains each way daily.

1893. Rensselaer, on the Iroquois River, is about seventy miles from Chicago.

Fancy that. In two years the metropolis had ceased to be an enterprising town, probably because of the proximity of the new established college, and Chicago had receded by a full ten miles. Good, the last wasn't on the retreating side.

Back in '91 again, "The college building is erected on a beautiful elevation." Your parents were advised to provide for the striplings, besides six pairs of socks or stockings, two pairs of boots or shoes.

Boots were perhaps used in those early days for ditching classes; there could have been any ration book No. 1 coupon.

Advisedly, parents were requested not to send any eatables to their sons; what with 5 A. M. rising, and 8:30 P. M. retiring there was no occasion for a midnight snack.

That very spacious building erected on half the present elevation "and fitted with all the improvements that can render it safe, pleasant and commodious, such as steam heating, gas light, bath rooms, fire escapes, etc., etc. (As I write I'm still searching for the etceteras), became so small within three years that its identical twin was called for.

With all his drums Gene Krupa couldn't beat out a tune that would syncopate the strut necessitated by that advancement. Why, with its 228 feet of frontage and four bathrooms in the basement that complete structure accommodated two hundred students.

They were students, too; nineteen of them remained on the honor roll for the entire year. Two more hung on during the first session; five came up from behind during the cold winter months and won a neck toward the end of June. Many of these have gone on to a more commodious world; some have possibly been lost in the shuffle of fifty years, but at least half a dozen of them live to tell the tale.

"TUNE IN"



LES HENRIKSON

March issue of "Tune In," national radio magazine, featured Leslie J. Henrikson, '36, of Whiting, Ind., as probably another Milton Cross. His tireless eighteen-hour days over KOVO, in Provo, Utah, have been his contribution toward that goal. Now Les is at Ft. Douglas, Utah, making his basic training, with his immediate eye on the Signal Corps... S. C. U. 1902 will reach him there.

Babin Would Do More Good Will Accepted

Dear Editor:

Being enthusiastic about St. Joseph's in all scholastic, athletic, and other enterprises, I would like to do more than merely subscribe to the publications. Since, however, a soldier's income cannot warrant such financial aid, I assure you my heart remains with my Alma Mater.

I am an accountant in the Finance Office of this, the 12th Armored Division, and shall start as such after my present basic training.

Truly yours,

Pvt. Paul W. Babin, '29,
Division Service Co.,
12th Arm. Div.,
Camp Campbell, Ky.

(As in any other enterprise, Paul, St. Joe prizes good will as its greatest asset.—Ed.)

First on Record

First alumnus on record at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, is Cpl. Robert W. Sneider, A.S.N. 16100954, 514th Ord. H. M. Co. With his transfer from S. Carolina came a promotion.

A Month's Crop Of Service Men

Bernard Zimmer, '42, is with Co. 94, Batt. 52, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

Cpl. Carl Shank, '34, is with the signal corps in North Africa.

Thomas Dunbar, '41, spent a year at Creighton U, after leaving St. Joe, then worked for the U. S. Engineers as clerk on the Missouri River. Now he is at Northwestern U., Evanston, Ill., as T. Dunbar, S 2'c, NTS (Radio) Batt. 6, Co. I.

Pvt. James R. Rieck, '42, is in the 715th Railway Operating Bn., Key Field, Miss.

With the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo., is Pvt. William Quinlan, '42, from Chicago. Address: 16127065, Co. A, 30th Sig. Tng. Bn., C.S.C.R.T.C.

A graduate in May, 1942, Pvt. Edward J. O'Reilly is at Camp Roberts, Calif. Address 36622455, Btry B, 52nd F. A. Tn. Bn.

Two brothers, George S. and Paul J. Kochis, of Hammond, Ind., both graduates of the academy, are wearing the colors. They left St. Joe in 1939. George is in the Hq. Co., 152nd Inf., A.P.O. 38, Camp Livingston, La.; Paul is in the M. P. Detachment, H.I.C., Huntsville, Texas.

Down at Camp Rucker, Alabama, all the way from Superior, Wisc., is Pvt. John D. Sharp, '35, with complete address: ASN 36255956, 2nd Bn., Co. F, 336th Engr. Regl. (G. S.)

He's a Sergeant now, is Edward Finan, '38, with the same address, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Pvt. Lowell J. Goubeaux, '42, is reached at 36525044, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Co. E, Barracks 3.

John T. McDermott, A. S. from Indianapolis, is in the Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., Co. 149, U.S.N.T.S.

At St. Joe from 1922 to 1925, Cletus Dunn, of Hammond, Ind., is in the Navy at Guadalcanal.

In the Navy, on the U.S.S. Maryland, Div. B, San Francisco, Calif., is Robert Beeching, '42.

A graduate of 1932, the Rev. Ignatius C. Vichuras of the Diocese of Fort Wayne has been a chaplain in the U. S. Army for some time. (Present address not in file.)

At Keesler Field, Miss., Pvt. Daniel Reinman, '42, is in the Air Corps. He asks for Stuff and CONTACT. Take a cue from Dan, boys, who promises to keep his address up to date. It is: 35544482, 309 T.S.S., Flight 12.

William Carlos, '42, is apply-

Edmund A. Jung Goes to Air Corps

Dear Editor:

It has been well over a year since I left St. Joseph's, but I will never forget all the fine men and fellows I met there during my two years' stay.

Many of the boys from Chicago who were my friends at the college are now in service. John Deegan is in Miami Beach, Fla., taking some basic training before leaving for cadet training with the Army Air Corps. Tom Dillon is in the Navy. I am at present doing temporary duty with the Meteorological Procurement Section of the Air Corps.

On March 2 I shall receive my cadet call, and more than likely be sent to San Antonio, Texas.

Sincerely yours,

Pvt. Edmund A. Jung, 16081311.

ing for officer training at the U. S. Coast Guard Training Station, Curtis Bay, Maryland. He is in Co. I, Platoon 2, Bks. 125.

Until March 1 Pvt. Robert D. Greene, '42, was at Camp Hood, Texas, in the Ren. Co., 811 T.D. Bn., a Cammando outfit. The Company was issued light garments in preparation for a move somewhere. Bob finds the army life a twenty-four hour a day job. However, it has its rewards for application: his commanding officer approached him with an invitation to enter officer training school. Bob, who spent three years in the academy and was enrolled in the college, asked for the campus publications.

Pvt. Green's letter announced that Robert Heinz, enrolled during the first semester, is with the Marines at San Diego, Calif.

A freshman during the first semester, Edward G. Delahanty is with Co. 240, A-S, USNR, Great Lakes, Ill.

In the 501st Chemical Storage Co. (AVN.), at Mitchel Field, Long Island, N. Y., is Pvt. Charles D. Richardson, '39.

Chaplain Norbert Missler, C.P.P.S., '33, sailed with the Marines recently.

A sophomore during the first semester, A. S. James T. Bane is in Co. 101, Batt. 48, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

Sgt. Edward Henrich, '27, is with Co. B, 542nd Engr. Amph. Regt. at Fort Ord, Calif.

At Fort Knox, Ky., is Pvt. Philip J. Anderson, 1550 S. U., Det. Med. Dept. A. B.

Ensign Kenneth Marlin, '41, has recently transferred from Florida to San Diego, Calif.

THE ROUNDUP



by

Coach Joe Dienhart

As a basketball season somewhat handicapped by injuries and the loss of key men to the armed service comes to a close, a spring athletic program is quite well rounded out. Whatever the losses in inter-collegiate basketball, they were equalized by victories over such teams as Illinois Wesleyan and Loyola University.

Nothing will be neglected this spring. If there is less of some things, there will be more of others. There will be less of intercollegiate competition, more of interteam contests.

Baseball, tennis, track—all will be curtailed as varsity sports necessitating extensive travel. On the campus, however, even greater attention will be paid to these sports than ever before. With competitive leagues in baseball, tournaments in tennis, and track events developed with plenty of military hazards, there will be no lack of activities as there will be no lack of interest on the part of the students.

The old track in the grove will be improved, and here military obstacles will be supplied to increase the rigor of the exercise and the physical benefit of the training.

Physical education classes have been in full swing. There will be no let-up in these. Attendance at these classes is compulsory for all students twice weekly. No academic credit is given for the hours of work applied to these pursuits; however, no student able to take part is excused. In other words, the physical fitness program is a requirement for graduation.

Reported Missing

A notice from the War Department has revealed that Lt. Frank T. Driesbach, who spent the year 1937-38 at St. Joseph's, is missing in action on the European war front.

Lt. Driesbach enlisted in the Air Force in Aug., 1941. A year later he transferred to England.

Local Alumnus Missing in Action

Graduating from Rensselaer High School in 1938, Edward Schmidt spent the next two years at St. Joseph's, where he was an excellent baseball and basketball player. He entered the armed service in November, 1941, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant as a bombardier at Topeka, Kansas, July 25, 1942.

Lt. Schmidt's parents were informed, Feb. 18, that he was missing in action in western Europe since Feb. 8.

Cpl. Monastyrski Forges Weapon

A corporal in the U. S. Army, Paul Monastyrski, '36, of Whiting, Ind., has forged a weapon which eventually will destroy the forces of evil that have plunged the world into its present turmoil.

In the nine months since Paul has been in the service he hasn't missed weekly Confession and Holy Communion.

Corporal Monastyrski writes: "I cannot express how happy I was to receive copies of **Stuff** and **CONTACT**. In this life, so vastly different from that which was St. Joe's life, they stir up old memories and bridge the gap of time that separates old friends.

(951st. Sig. Rad. Int. Co., Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif.)

Alumnus John Fischer Plugs for Alma Mater

Writing from the Army War College, Washington, D. C., Cpl. John E. Fischer finds it grand to receive **CONTACT**, which "keeps a fellow well informed on all his classmates and the part they are playing in this war."

John, following the progress of the team, gets in his plug for the Alma Mater as well. It goes like this: "Say, buddy, see where they took Illinois Normal to the cleaners the other evening." To which the buddy replied: "Must be a mighty fine school out there in the Hoosier State."

"All told," concludes the corporal, "I spent four glorious years at St. Joe. Even though I can't be present for any of the games or other school functions my heart and soul are with the boys." (Co. B, 846th Sig. Ser., Photo Bn.)

At Fort Benning On Final Stand

Thirteen weeks of basic training and four weeks of prep school have led VOC Edward Fischer, editor of **CONTACT** and teacher of journalism, into Officer Training School proper. Classes began Feb. 24, some days after the trip from Camp Croft, S. C., to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will be stationed for the final thirteen weeks.

During prep-school days Ed did some teaching. One day when he was instructing on guard duty, he told the class that a sentry who in the discharge of duty shoots a man must stand military trial and is customarily fined one dollar.

At that a fat, little Italian from Naples started thinking out loud in the midst of class. He mused: "I no wanna killa man. Whatta hell! Hafta pay a buck. That's a threea pitcher beer."

(Candidate Edward Fischer, 21st Co., 4th Bn., 2nd Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.)

Patrols Four Hours Then Skis Four More

It's all in a day at Camp McCoy, for Pvt. Donald C. Clark, graduate of '42, who as an M. P. is on town patrol, garrison duty, and riding trains, this on four-hour shifts throughout each revolution of the earth. He has charge of all the gates and other important spots in the camp.

Don has taken up skiing; if the winter lasts long enough he will balance and glide with the best. One nose dive into a snowbank, however, hurt his feelings. When it's all over, he thinks he would like to return to St. Joe for a refresher course. (36705218, M. P. Sec. Hq. 1606 S. U., Camp McCoy, Wisc.)

Lt. Robert Kelly In Ordnance Duty

The Alumni Directory lists Robert J. Kelly, '34, as a musician. Since Feb. 2, he ranks as a Second Lieutenant at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., where he reported for duty as an ordnance officer with a bombardment group.

Before entering the army Lt. Kelly was a rating examiner for the local Civil Service Commission at Wright Field, Ohio. He was commissioned Jan. 16 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., on graduating from an officers' candidate school there.

NAVY CHAPLAIN



FATHER NOLL

Fifteenth priest of the Society of the Most Precious Blood to receive a chaplaincy, Lt. Clayton O. Noll is now located at the Naval Training Station, Camp Hill, Farragut, Idaho. Formerly a missionary, he recently completed an eight weeks' graduate course at the chaplain's school, Norfolk, Va.

Cody in Service

A graduate of 1941, Mr. Richard Cody of Louisville, Ky., is now in the armed service, stationed at Keesler Field, Miss. Dick's wife, Pauline, is the daughter of Prof. Paul Tonner.

Two Grads of '39 Receive M.D.

Two graduates of 1939 may now place an M. D. after their signature. They are Doctor Robert J. Danehy of Manitowoc, Wisc., and Doctor S. William Mauch of Louisville, Ky. Both were graduated from the St. Louis University Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, Saturday, Feb. 20.

Dr. Mauch will be stationed at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville, as an intern.

Boots Way Through

Less than five months after induction into the service, George Lundy, Jr., of Chicago, last year's cartoonist for **Stuff**, received his commission as Second Lieutenant. He is with the Coast Artillery. (Btry. I, 207th C.A.A.A., Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island.)

World-War Hero Now an Invalid

Previous to World War I, Rev. James McIntyre, C.P.F. '10, taught at St. Joseph's. He volunteered as a chaplain in army in 1917. On board ship sailing for France, Father McIntyre worked night and day when an influenza epidemic broke out among the soldier-passengers.

Helping to nurse the sick and burying the dead at sea, he himself was stricken. Father McIntyre never recovered completely, and gradually a throat infection affected his speech so that he could not talk above a whisper.

Confined to a wheelchair, Father McIntyre is now at B. denton Beach, Fla., where the warm climate gives him some relief.

Cook Brothers Both in Service

Thanks to Mrs. Delores Cook, mother, for the following information: (Editor).

"My son, Eugene, receives **CONTACT** each month, which in turn mail to him at the camp where he is stationed. He is happy to hear all the news about the Fathers, and the boys who were his classmates.

Gene was married Nov. 2, 1942. He enlisted in the Seabees, the Construction Battalion of the U. S. Navy, and was called to the service Dec. 16. He is a storekeeper, 2nd class.

Thomas, who also attended St. Joseph's, was called to the service in the U. S. Navy March 2, 1941. When he had completed his training he was sent out to sea. He has seen action on a tanker and also on a destroyer.

Both Gene and Tom were at St. Joe in 1940.

Hide and Seek Game As It's Played By Two

Dear Editor:

I just received **CONTACT** from home, which reminded me that I have been meaning to let you know where I am in the hope that there might be someone from St. Joe here in camp.

(Good idea, Punch; now that you have done so, get the habit. Ed.)

Punch is Pvt. Harold E. Judy, '35, who is in Btry. "A", 500 A. F. A. Bn., A. P. O. 264, Camp Chaffee, Ark.